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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT TO SFRC ON LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 6573

HEREWITH MISSION REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER CY-74.

1. U.S. PERSONNEL IN LAOS (AS OF 30 SEPT. 74): 433

A. CIVILIAN DIRECT HIRE: 348

B. MILITARY: 45

(1) DAO: 27

(2) MARINE GUARDS AND U.S. NAVY (CB): 18

C. PERSONNEL ON TEMPORARY DUTY: 7

D. CONTRACT EMPLOYEES: 33

2. FRIENDLY MILITARY FORCES: 57,091

A. FAR/FAN: 57,091

3. ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCES IN LAOS: 75,000

A. NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA)(EXCLUDING THOSE
ENEMY FORCES TRANSITING LAOS VIA HO CHI MINH
TRAIL SYSTEM): 42,000

B. LAO PEOPLES' LIBERATION ARMY (PLA OR PATHET LAO):

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31,000

C. DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS (DN): 2,000

4. ROYAL LAO AIR FORCE OPERATIONS IN LAOS:

A. TACTICAL AIR COMBAT SORTIES: 6 (T-28)

B. GUNSHIP/FLARE SHIP SORTIES: 0

C. AIR TRANSPORT SORTIES: 3,678

5. CASUALTIES IN LAOS:

A. U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL: 0

B. FAR/FAN: KIA 15; WIA 26 (UNRELIABLE FIGURES)

C. NVA/PL/DN: UNKNOWN

6. U.S. MILITARY CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS: NONE

7. U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION: NONE

8. FOLLOWING EXPLANATION APPLIES TO PARA ONE:

REDUCTION OF 46 IS DUE MAINLY TO LESSER NUMBER
OF USAID DIRECT HIRE AND CONTRACT PERSONNEL.

9. MISSION BELIEVES THIS REPORT NO LONGER SERVES THE PURPOSE
FOR WHICH IT WAS INTENDED AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT
PROPOSE TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT
THE REQUIREMENT BE TERMINATED.
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